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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : NELSON, Eric M.  
Serial No. : 09/914,684  
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Title : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING THE  
ADSORPTION OF A LIQUID SAMPLE THROUGH AN ABSORBENT  
LAYER  
Art Unit : 1641  
Examiner : DAVIS, Deborah A.

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

**Extension of Time**

Applicants hereby request an extension of time for one (1) month from the original due date of May 23, 2005, to extend the time for reply to June 23, 2005. The required fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a)(2) of \$120 is submitted herewith in an express request to charge said fees to Deposit Account No. 10-0750 (Docket DDI-037USA/MM). (Form PTO/SB/17 Fee Transmittal is attached in duplicate). The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 10-0750.

This is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed February 23, 2005.

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Corrected amendments to the claims with proper status identifiers are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.